

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FAMILY WELFARE LINKED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to introduce a Family Welfare linked health insurance plan for persons Below the Poverty Line (BPL) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced;
- (d) whether the Government also proposed to extend this scheme to other sections of the population including senior citizens; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(e): The National Population Policy, 2000 has laid down that a Family Welfare Linked Health Insurance Plan be formulated as a motivational measure for wider adoption of the small family norm, aiming at couples below the poverty line. During the current year 2002-03 a sum of Rs.60 crores has been allocated for the purpose. It is envisaged that the scheme will be taken up for couples who undergo sterilization and do not have more than two children.

The Institute of Health Systems, Hyderabad, has been requested to design a Family Welfare Linked Health Insurance Scheme. On receipt of the scheme, its implementations will be examined for adoption in the country.